

Evidence Dossier: HA-1112 (Messerschmitt-derived) & Panzer IV Parts — Spanish Exports to the Middle East

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This dossier compiles open-source and declassified documentary leads concerning Hispano Aviación HA-1112 aircraft and Panzer IV tanks/parts that originated in Spain and later appeared in Middle Eastern inventories (Egypt/Syria/others). It includes summary assessments and direct source links for follow-up archival work.

Executive summary

- Hispano Aviación HA-1109/HA-1112 (the postwar Spanish Bf 109 derivatives) are well-documented Spanish-built aircraft. Several secondary sources and airframe registries document international movements of individual airframes, but direct state-to-state export contracts to Egypt in the 1950s are not clearly preserved in open online sources. See the 'registry & provenance' section below for airframe dossiers.
- Panzer IV tanks and spare parts: multiple specialist histories and hobbyist investigations report that Spain's WWII-era Panzer IV stocks (Ausf H) furnished a number of vehicles and/or spare parts to Middle Eastern buyers — especially Syria — during the mid-1950s. Documentary confirmation exists in specialist forums and some secondary sources; targeted archival searches (Spanish customs manifests, Ministry of Defense export ledgers, and US/UK embassy cables) are likely to provide primary confirmation including serial numbers.

HA-1112: key sources & leads

1. Hispano Aviación HA-1112 (overview and bibliography). Useful starting point with references to specialized literature and preserved airframes.

- Wikipedia entry: Hispano Aviación HA-1112. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispano_Aviaci%C3%B3n_HA-1112) — web.run ref: turn0search0

2. Airframe registries that track individual Buchón/HA-1112 movements and civil registrations (helpful to prove exports of specific airframes):

- Airframe Dossier (AerialVisuals) — example HA-1112 dossier: <https://www.aerialvisuals.ca/AirframeDossier.php?Serial=136171> — web.run ref: turn0search22

3. Specialist histories and articles describing HA-1112 production, variants, and postwar service disposition (secondary literature):

- Pickled Wings article on HA-1112 (Iberian Eagle): <https://pickledwings.com/hispano-aviacion-ha-1112-iberian-eagle/> — web.run ref: turn0search4

- AcesFlyingHigh blog: Spain's Messerschmitt Bf 109 hybrids: <https://acesflyinghigh.wordpress.com/2019/02/02/spain-s-messerschmitt-bf-109-hybrids-the-hispano-aviacion-ha-1112-tripala-and-buchon/> — web.run ref: turn0search7

Panzer IV: key sources & leads

1. Panzer IV general reference and postwar export notes: Wikipedia 'Panzer IV' provides context and cites specialist armor literature discussing postwar distribution and Syria's use. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panzer_IV) — web.run ref: turn0search1

2. Specialist recounting of Spanish exports to Syria (forum / hobbyist investigations that compile serial lists and delivery dates):

- 'Panzers in the Golan Heights' (wwiiafterwwii): discusses 17 Panzer IVs from Spain to Syria and cites export records. <https://wwiiafterwwii.wordpress.com/2016/09/04/panzers-in-the-golan-heights/> — web.run ref: turn0search8

- SecretProjects forum thread: 'A story of post-war Syrian Panzers IV' — documents shipments and dates (useful leads). <https://www.secretprojects.co.uk/threads/a-story-of-post-war-syrian-panzers-iv.38404/> — web.run ref: turn0search12

3. Secondary/academic leads to follow up: works by Steven Zaloga and Phillipe Naud are frequently cited in bibliographies; check their treatments of Syrian armor and postwar tank transfers (book searches in libraries or Google Books recommended).

Declassified intelligence & diplomatic sources

1. CIA FOIA / Reading Room: 'The Egyptian Arms Industry' and other CIA documents (search the CIA reading room for 1950s–1970s documents mentioning Spain as a source of spare parts and arms to Middle Eastern states). Example entry: <https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/document/05835438> — web.run ref: turn0search2

2. FRUS / US State Department records: entries covering 1952–54 discuss British and US concerns about Spanish exports to Egypt and UK parliamentary records referencing the diplomatic protests. Example: <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1952-54v09p2/d1064> — web.run ref: turn0search14

3. Contemporary press (1954): Jewish Telegraphic Agency reporting on Egyptian negotiations with Spain and the reported 'ban' following British protest: <https://www.jta.org/archive/egyptians-negotiating-for-arms-from-spain> — web.run ref: turn0search3

Assessment of evidence strength

Item	Evidence strength	Notes
HA-1112 produced in Spain	Very strong	Production records, museum airframes and registries
HA-1112 exported to Egypt (state sale)	Weak/ambiguous	Secondary mentions exist but no clear state-to-state c
Panzer IVs/parts → Syria	Moderate	Multiple hobbyist and specialist sources claim 17 tank
Panzer IVs/parts → Egypt	Weak/ambiguous	Less clear in open sources; possible spare parts sale

Recommended next steps for primary confirmation

- Search Spanish Ministry of Defense export ledgers (Archivo General de la Administración / Ministerio de Defensa) for 1954–1960 export licenses mentioning 'vehículos blindados', 'repuestos blindados', 'aeronaves HA-1112' or similar terms.

- Pull US embassy Madrid and Cairo cables from the National Archives (USNA) and State Department microfiche collections for 1954–1956 — these often name brokers, shipment dates, and sometimes serial numbers.

- Consult the CIA Reading Room for targeted queries on 'Spain' + 'Panzer' / 'HA-1112' within 1954–1960 documents. The CIA documents often include direct quotes from Spanish or third-party brokers.

Source list (URLs)

1. Hispano Aviación HA-1112 - Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispano_Aviaci%C3%B3n_HA-1112 (turn0search0)
2. Airframe dossier (HA-1112 example): <https://www.aerialvisuals.ca/AirframeDossier.php?Serial=136171> (turn0search22)
3. 'Egyptians negotiating for arms from Spain' — JTA archive (July 1954): <https://www.jta.org/archive/egyptians-negotiating-for-arms-from-spain> (turn0search3)
4. CIA FOIA 'The Egyptian Arms Industry' example: <https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/document/05835438> (turn0search2)
5. FRUS document on UK/US concerns: <https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1952-54v09p2/d1064> (turn0search14)
6. Panzer IV (Wikipedia): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Panzer_IV (turn0search1)
7. 'Panzers in the Golan Heights' (wwiiafterwwii): <https://wwiiafterwwii.wordpress.com/2016/09/04/panzers-in-the-golan-heights/> (turn0search8)
8. SecretProjects forum thread on Syrian Panzer IVs: <https://www.secretprojects.co.uk/threads/a-story-of-post-war-syrian-panzers-iv.38404/> (turn0search12)

Appendix: sample quotes & excerpts (from web sources)

- JTA (1954) reporting that 'Egypt bought Spanish arms early in 1954' and that 'the export of arms to countries outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization will be prohibited' (JTA archive). — see source 3 above.
- WW2AfterWWII article: 'For certain, seventeen of Syria's Panzer IVs came from Spain, which kept detailed export records down to the individual serial numbers.' — see source 7 above.

Prepared on request. If you want, I will: (A) embed scanned declassified cables and CIA document screenshots into an expanded PDF, (B) retrieve Spanish archival export-licence scans, and (C) attempt to find serial numbers and manifest entries for specific Panzer IV vehicles and HA-1112 airframes.